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TEN YEARS IN VIRGINIA.

Ten years ago to-day, Virginia was pursuing the even tenor of her way, according to the custom of half a century. By a false and short-sighted system of agriculture, her soil had been impoverished, and her inhabitants reduced to such desperate straits that they found the breeding of human chattels not only the most profitable, but almost the only profitable employment at their command.

But in the early part of the month of October, 1859, a small band of reckless and fanatical spirits were quietly preparing for a movement which was to result in the precipitation of this final struggle, to render its postponement no longer possible.

Ten years, lacking a few days only, have passed since the solemn quiet of that Sabbath evening in October was disturbed by the clamor of John Brown's band, and into this decade has been crowded a grand historical pageant, so momentous and imposing that each year seems like a decade within itself.

The attempt at securing the stronghold of slavery by disrupting the Union has been made and failed, and the infamous and blighting curse has been utterly and thoroughly eradicated. The nation has undergone the terrible ordeal of purification and rehabilitation by the sword, has emerged from the ordeal the true Republic which was the bright and glorious vision by which John Brown and his followers were lured into the very jaws of death.

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emanated from a so-called Temperance Convention, composed of delegates elected exclusively by temperance organizations, which, at its sessions in Concert Hall, passed a series of resolutions denouncing the "rum traffic" and the nomination of candidates identified with the liquor traffic; and affirming the necessity of a new party, "based upon temperance and moral principles," and advocating the election of candidates of "strict sobriety," and unequivocally in favor of prohibiting the liquor traffic.

VICE-PRESIDENT COLFAX ON THE MORMONS. VICE-PRESIDENT COLFAX, who has availed himself of his summer vacation to make a trip over the Pacific Railroad, took occasion, during his recent visit to Salt Lake City, to denounce polygamy in strong terms, quoting from the Book of Mormon to prove that the practice was unwise and illegal, and that it ought to be abolished.

It would seem from the signs of the times that Mormonism can scarcely last, under its present system of management at least, for many more years; but the whole career of the Church of the Latter Day Saints has been so exceptional and so outside of ordinary rules, that it is impossible to predicate anything of its future.

Terribly Severe. Down in Delaware they have discovered what they fondly believe to be a severer punishment than the whipping-post. It is doubtful if outsiders will share the delusion. A "Glorious" thief was lately arrested at Milford, and a local paper exclaims:—"What terror has the whipping-post to such black rascals as these? We hope the next sentence will be that he leave the State under penalty of death!"

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